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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 26 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Other matters

10.30 a.m. 4209th meeting* Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 18 October 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/999)

Morning** consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room
The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question (S/2000/1025 and S/2000/1027)
Other matters

3.30 p.m. 4210th (closed) meeting Security Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Western Sahara

* A briefing will be given by Mr. Wolfgang Petritsch, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4209th meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Friday, 27 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. A Non-Paper by the President of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Millennium Declaration has been circulated to all Member States. (Additional copies of the Non-Paper are available in room S-2925).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

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| 10 a.m. | 41st plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
| 3 p.m. | 42nd plenary meeting | General Assembly Hall |
1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/521) [122]
 2. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/519) [16 (c)]
 3. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/55/4) [13]
 4. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/55/L.9/Rev.1) [31]
 5. Oceans and the law of the sea [34]
 - (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/61, A/55/386)
 - (b) Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its first meeting (A/55/274)
 - (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.11, A/55/L.10)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1
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Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81 (*continued*)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
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1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [84] (A/55/13, A/55/329, A/55/391, A/55/402, A/55/425, A/55/428, A/55/456, A/55/490-S/2000/993)

General debate

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/C.4/55/L.8*, A/C.4/55/L.9)
3. Effects of atomic radiation [82] (A/C.4/55/5, A/C.4/55/L.6/Rev.1 and L.7/Rev.1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [92] (A/55/68-S/2000/377, A/55/69-S/2000/378, A/55/71-S/2000/393, A/55/74, A/55/158-E/2000/102, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-E/2000/108, A/55/310, A/55/375)

- (a) Trade and development (A/55/320, A/55/396, A/55/15, Supplement No. 15, Parts I, II, III and IV*, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/434-S/2000/926)
- (b) Commodities (A/55/332, A/55/139-E/2000/93)
- (c) External debt crisis and development (A/55/422, A/55/183)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [94]

- (e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.12 and A/C.2/55/L.13

2. Environment and sustainable development [95]

- (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.15

- (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.1

3. Macroeconomic policy questions [92] (A/55/68-S/2000/377, A/55/69-S/2000/378, A/55/71-S/2000/393, A/55/74, A/55/158-E/2000/102, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/55/260-E/2000/108, A/55/310, A/55/375)

- (d) Trade and development (A/55/320, A/55/396, A/55/15, Supplement No. 15, Parts I, II, III and IV*, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/434-S/2000/926)

- (e) Commodities (A/55/332, A/55/139-E/2000/93)

- (f) External debt crisis and development (A/55/422, A/55/183)

Conclusion of general discussion

* In English only.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342, A/55/360, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404-S/2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)] (A/55/269, A/55/282* and Corr.1, A/55/294, A/55/318, A/55/335, A/55/346, A/55/358, A/55/359, A/55/363, A/55/374, A/55/400, A/55/403, A/55/509 and A/55/426-S/2000/913)

3. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [114 (d)] (A/55/36 and A/55/438-S/2000/93)

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [114 (e)] (A/55/36 (Suppl. No. 36))

Continuation of the dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq

Statement on behalf of:

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar

(To be presented by the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi

Dialogue with the Special Rapporteurs

General discussion

* In English only.

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| 3 p.m.-
6 p.m. | 37th meeting | Conference
Room 1 |
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1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]
Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.26 and L.27
 2. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.29
 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]
Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.8/Rev.1
 4. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [108]
Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.28
 5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]
Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.17
 6. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111]
Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.19
 7. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]
Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.24
 8. Right of peoples to self-determination [113]
Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.22 and L.23
 9. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)] (A/55/177, A/55/213 and Add.1, A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/279, A/55/280 and Add.1 and 2, A/55/283, A/55/288, A/55/289, A/55/291, A/55/292, A/55/296 and Add.1, A/55/302, A/55/306, A/55/328, A/55/342, A/55/360, A/55/395-S/2000/880, A/55/404-S/2000/889, A/55/408 and A/C.3/55/2)
 10. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)] (A/55/269, A/55/282* and Corr.1, A/55/294, A/55/318, A/55/335, A/55/346, A/55/358, A/55/359, A/55/363, A/55/374, A/55/400, A/55/403, A/55/509 and A/55/426-S/2000/913)
 11. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [114 (d)] (A/55/36 and A/55/438-S/2000/93)
 12. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [114 (e)] (A/55/36 (Suppl. No. 36))
Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform and outsourcing practices (A/55/127, A/54/866, A/55/458, A/55/301 and A/55/479))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Subjects

1. UNEP

2. Draft report

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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Pre-meeting on health and other socio-economic implications of globalization

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 26 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 26 October 2000

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

CONTACT GROUP ON JAMMU AND KASHMIR (at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A
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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda items 93 (a) and (b) (Sectoral policy questions))

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C
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GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B
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GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on biological diversity; climate change; complementary conventions; small island developing States; Rio+10 review; and water)

6.30 p.m. - 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group (First Committee) *today*, 26 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee *today*, 26 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 26 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Briefing

There will be a briefing on energy exhibition by the delegation of Canada for members of the Group of 77 *today*, 26 October 2000, from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Briefing

There will be a briefing and dialogue on "Dimensions of the World Bank/United Nations Partnership" with Mr. Mats Karlsson, World Bank Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs, *today*, 26 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

Informal consultations for interested Member States and possible co-sponsors on a draft resolution under agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Germany, will be held *today*, 26 October 2000, at 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft decision on small arms (A/C.1/55/L.28), organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 26 October 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, to be submitted under agenda item 73 (General and complete disarmament), organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 26 October 2000, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 27 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	General Assembly Hall
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
5 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 34 (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Copies of the two draft resolutions under agenda item 34 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are available in room DC2-0461 (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea).

Delegations wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers on agenda item 34 are kindly requested to contact the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services (room S-3001H; tel.: (212) 963-5063).

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), as follows:

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro));

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

The 1st meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations), in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee prior to the 1st meeting, in room S-3420A.

The resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from today, 26 October, until Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed session

There will be a presentation by the Rome-based agencies on "Eliminating Hunger in the New Millennium" on Monday, 30 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, will preside over the session. Statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly; and Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General. The presenters will be Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Ms. Catherine Bertini, Executive Director, World Food Programme; and Mr. Fawzi H. Al-Sultan, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Briefing

There will be a briefing by Mr. Horst Koehler, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, on "The Role of the Fund Following the Annual Meetings Held in Prague" on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, will chair the briefing. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part II) will be held on 30 and 31 October 2000 in Conference Room 8.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.4, submitted under agenda item 73 (i) (Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda) on Friday, 27 October 2000, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room E.

Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Reducing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies Through Early Warning and Preparedness - The Case of El Niño Southern Oscillation", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations University, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Strategy for Natural Disaster Reduction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office (tel.: (212) 963-6387) or the UNEP Office (tel.: (212) 963-8094).

Briefing

There will be a briefing on the G-8 Renewable Energy Task Force by the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The briefing is organized by the Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of interested co-sponsors (past and likely present) of this year's draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Kosovo, organized by the delegation of the United States, on Monday, 30 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 No-

vember 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

Information meeting

There will be a preparatory information meeting for the Bamako Seminar on Universalization and Implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty in Africa (Mali, 15-16 February 2001), organized by the delegations of Mali, Canada and France, on Thursday, 2 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests; (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual series on *Sustainable Development in Practice*. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 25 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4208th (resumed) meeting

the United Arab Emirates, Norway, Rwanda, Botswana and Nepal.

Women and peace and security

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, Malawi, Guatemala,

The Council then heard a statement by the President of the Council, speaking on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting of Namibia, who had presided the meeting on 24 October 2000.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

39th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/98) [29]

Statements were made by H.E. Mrs. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria, and by the representatives of Belarus, Croatia, Norway, France (on behalf of the European Union), Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Romania, Japan and Armenia.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted under this item at a later date.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/221)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.12)*

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, India, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Indonesia.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/2 of 13 October 1980, the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee made a statement.

The representative of Egypt spoke on a point of order and orally revised draft resolution A/55/L.12.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.12, as orally revised (resolution 55/4).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 22.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/55/312/Add.1) [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/55/312/Add.1) to authorize the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations and its Working Group to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15) [174]

The representative of Guyana made a statement.

40th plenary meeting

The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/55/L.15) [174]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cambodia, Pakistan, Norway, China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), India, Grenada, Argentina, Ecuador, Lesotho, Venezuela and the Sudan.

The Assembly was informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.15 would be taken at a later date.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: report of the Secretary-General (A/55/98) [29]

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan and Armenia.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Note The summary of the 22nd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/209).

SECOND COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [95]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.11

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The representative of France subsequently announced that Greece and the Netherlands should be added to the list of members of the European Union already sponsoring the draft.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [99]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Bangladesh, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Norway, Tunisia, Botswana (on behalf of SADC), Ethiopia and Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The representative of the World Food Programme made a statement.

25th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

(c) Cultural development

The representative of Uruguay introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [99]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Haiti, Kenya, Uruguay, Guinea, China, Mozambique, Israel, Myanmar, Japan, Andorra, Cambodia, El Salvador, Uganda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Nepal and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 99.

THIRD COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.8/Rev.1

The representative of the United States introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in document, as well as Liechtenstein and Croatia, and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [114]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance, Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance, in which the representatives of Armenia, Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Tunisia, Turkey, China, Egypt and Iraq took part.

The Independent Expert on the right to development, Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Independent Expert on the right to development, in which the representatives of Pakistan, France (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Viet Nam, Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Iran took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, Mr. Leonardo Franco, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, in which the representative of the Sudan took part.

35th meeting

The Committee continued its considerations of agenda sub-items 114 (b), (c), (d) and (e).

The Committee continued its dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, in which the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt, Cuba and China took part.

The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti, Mr. Adama Dieng, made a presentation.

The representative of Haiti made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mr. Roberto Garretón, made a presentation.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in which the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Rwanda, France (on behalf of the European Union), Burundi, Namibia and the Sudan took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis, made a presentation.

The Committee then began a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, in which the representative of Iraq took part.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement in which she reminded the Committee of the draft resolutions on which the action would be taken the following day, Thursday, 26 October.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

16th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Portugal, coordinator of informal consultations on document A/C.5/55/2, introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.7/Rev.1.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, the Comoros, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, Mexico and the Philippines.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Other matters

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided, to grant the request by the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations (FICSA) to make statements in the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda items 123 and 124.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

16th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Spain, Italy, Egypt, Iraq, Australia, Sierra Leone, Hungary, Slovakia and Croatia.

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Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

1883rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Argentina (CCPR/C/ARG/98/3).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "The United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations". The briefing will be held *today*, 26 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 26 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

Special event

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflicts, Mr. Olara A. Otunnu, will host a meeting with a group of Sierra Leone victims of war on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until Tuesday, 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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